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Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made of the prior art or that no better art references than listed below are available. The filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

The listed references were cited during prosecution of patent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/860,425 filed May 18, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date

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None of the cited art is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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